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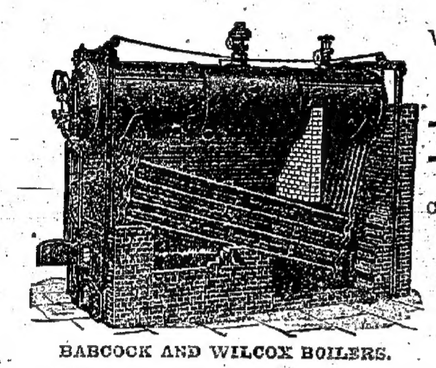

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Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1899. 2246

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A REGULAR LODGE will be held on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren (Master Masons) are cordially invited.

Hongkong, December 8, 1899. 2636

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4.30 for 5.00 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2655

THE HONGKONG STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY.

FOR SALE.

A TEAKWOOD STEAM LAUNCH IN GOOD ORDER.

Length ... ... 50 feet.
Breadth ... ... 9 do.
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Diameter of Boiler ... ...4 feet.
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Hongkong, 9th Dec., 1899. 2658

DRAPERY BUSINESS FOR SALE.

OWING to the illness of the Proprietor, who is Absent in England, his Attorney now offers FOR SALE as a going concern, with immediate possession, the Extensive Business carried on in Hongkong, by the Firm of W. Powell & Co., Drapers, Furnishers, Etc.

The Premises are situate in the very best part of the City, are held on lease, and fitted with the best requirements for carrying on a large and varied Business.

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For further particulars, apply to

J. POWELL,
Care of W. Powell & Co.,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 6, 1899. 2633

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Depôt, 2, Albert Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st of July last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th December, both days inclusive.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1899. 2592

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Violins, Cellos, Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars, Banjos, Guitarras, Zithers, Cornets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Clarinets, &c.

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Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2660

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References given and expected.

'D.,' Care of 'China Mail' Office.

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2678

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

RECONSTRUCTION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the Old Company are Reminded that unless they apply for Shares in the New Company on or before the 15th Instant, they will FORFEIT their right to any Shares in the New Company.

Applications should be sent in at once to the Undersigned, from whom Forms can be obtained.

Dated the 5th December, 1899.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co.,
General Agents.

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A BARGAIN—ONLY $100.

FOR SALE.—A BICYCLE, with beautiful Patent, Acetylene Lamp and Accessories. Equal to New. Apply to

No. 6, ICE HOUSE ROAD.

Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2668

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that JNO. HY. ANDREW & Co. Ltd., of Toledo Steel Works in the City of Sheffield, England, Manufacturers, have on the 7th day of November, 1899, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of TRADE MARKS of the following TRADE MARK:—

In the name of JNO. HY. ANDREW & Co., Ltd., who Claim to be the Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicants and their predecessors in business since the 21st September, 1883, in respect of the following Goods:—

Iron and Steel both Raw and in Bar and Rail, Bolt and Rod, Sheets, Plates and Hoops, in Class 5.

Dated the 11th day of November, 1899.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Applicants,
12, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

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CHRISTMAS 1899.

THE Undersigned is now prepared to SUPPLY

CHRISTMAS CAKES

of the Best Quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 10 lb., ready on hand; and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c., &c.

DORABJEE NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Bakery,
No. 24, Praya Central.

Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1899. 2575

Business Notices.

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Filberts, Brazils, Almonds, Barcelonas.

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And other Delicacies too numerous to mention.

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Have arranged for a large and comprehensive exhibit, and will be glad to place the services of their Paris Staff at the disposal of all Buyers and Consumers of their goods in the East, who visit the Exhibition, and to render them every assistance in their power during their stay in Paris. *For letters of introduction apply to the*

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W. D. GRAHAM, Manager.

Proprietors of DAVID STORER & SONS, *Manufacturers of* 'BELL BRAND' PAINTS AND OILS.

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THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at Victoria Gap, adjoining the Tramway Station, 1350 feet above Sea Level.

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Fine Healthy Location—Variety of Beautiful Scenery, Cool Southerly Breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

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LATEST PARISIAN AND LONDON FASHIONS.

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IND COOPE'S, per Cask of 8 Dozen Pints $16.00
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NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS on FIRST FLOOR, OLD BUILDING.

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For Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Influenza, Asthma, Consumption Hooping Coughs, Bronchitis and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs.

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Entertainments.

CONCERT.

AT ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL.

SATURDAY,
the 16th December, 1899, at 8.20 p.m.

In Aid of 'THE KOWLOON INSTITUTE,'
And
'THE STAR COFFEE HOUSE.'

THE following Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly consented to assist at the above Concert:—

Mesdames Badeley, Buttanshaw, Campbell, Sculfort and Vallings, and

Dr. Rieloff and Messrs. Ardron, Barrett, De Caló, Fleet, Grace, C. Schröter, H. A. Siebs, and Maestro Galuzzi.

Tickets may be obtained from the Compradore at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 11th December, and the following days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Front Seats (Reserved), Two Dollars.
Back Seats, One Dollar.

Hongkong, December 8, 1899. 2637

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give TWO PERFORMANCES of the LAUGHABLE FARCE, Entitled

'MOTHER-IN-LAW,'

IN THREE ACTS BY TALFOURD TWIGG, Esq., ON

THURSDAY, 21st December, 1899, SATURDAY, 23rd December, 1899

Commencing each EVENING at 9 p.m. precisely.

Dress Circle $3. Stalls, $2. Pit, $1.
Half-price to Pit for Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform.

Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after MONDAY, 18th December, at 10 a.m.

Booking Office will be Open daily from that date from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Late Trams will run ½ hour after the fall of the curtain.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 4, 1899. 2607

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT will be given on **SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,** in the THEATRE ROYAL, at 9 p.m.

In Aid of the
SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,
Under the Patronage of
H.E. Sir HENRY and Lady BLAKE,
H.E. Major-General and Mrs. GASCOIGNE,
Commodore and Mrs POWELL,
and all the Leading Citizens.

☞ Full Particulars Later.

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2677

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 678.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 18th day of December, 1899, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1899. 2669

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of December, 1899, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Model Block	Register No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. ft.	S. ft.	E. ft.	W. ft.	Quit Rent Commencing Year	Annual Rent	Upset Price $
Inland Lot No. 2	3,608	Queen's Road East (near Tai Wong Temple)	14	10	60	80	969	16	1,440

OUR GREATEST LIVING SOLDIERS.

By Charles Lowe, M.A.

On SATURDAY NEXT, December 16, will be published in the CHINA MAIL,

LT.-Gen. SIR G. STEWART WHITE, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *MAZAGON*,

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From PERSIAN GULF, &c., ex s. s. *Kilwa*.
Goods not cleared by the 13th Dec., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, and a Certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1899. 2632

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Tosa Maru*, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon To-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th Instant will be subject to rent.

All Ship-damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 18th Instant, and THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, both days at 10 a.m., upon notice of such Damage being sent in beforehand to this Office.

All Claims must reach the undersigned before the 21st Inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2674

To-day's Advertisements

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 28th day of December, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 28th Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2687

XMAS SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

SATURDAY,

the 16th December, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Room, Duddell Street,—

A VARIETY OF
FANCY GOODS, BRONZES, CENTRE-PIECES, BISCUIT WARE, AMERICAN GOLD-PLATED WATCHES and CHATELAINES, ALBUMS, &c.

Also:

A FEW PIECES OF CANTON BLACKWOODWARE.

And

3 AMERICAN BICYCLES (New).

On View from 15th December, 1899.
TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2681

WANTED.

UN Extranjero quiere encontrar á una persona de buena educacion, para practicarse en el escribir, y el habler de este idioma. Escribase dando pormenores al despacho de este periódico, baja la cifra de

'R. S. L.'

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2686

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship TAIYUAN, Captain NELSON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2682

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *PREUSSEN*, OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

OPTIONAL CARGO will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Dec. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 21st Dec., and Thursday, the 28th Dec., at 2.30 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 28th December, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2684

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Airlie (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 6, at Noon.
Australian Ports	Futami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 20, at noon.
Baltimore & N. York	Reuce	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Dec. 27, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Konigsberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	December 14.
Havre and Hamburg	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co	About Jan. 7.
Havre and Hamburg	Ambria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 15
Havre and Hamburg	Wittenberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 20
Kobe	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	December 20.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kagoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m
Liverpool	Tantalus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	About Dec. 22.
London & Ports of Call	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 23, at noon.
London v. Suez Canal	Patroclus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 26.
London v. Suez Canal	Diomed (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 9.
London v. Suez Canal	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 23.
London	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 28.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 16.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 15, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Esmeralda (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 15, at 5 p.m.
Manila	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	Dec. 20, at noon.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Yarra (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 18, at noon.
M'lles, H'rg & H'burg	Silesia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 30.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Hakata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 15, at noon.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Awa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
M'lles, P'mouth, L'don	Parramatta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co	March 31.
M'lles, P'mouth, L'don	Massilia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 14.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'ma	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
New York	Adolph Obrig	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York v. Suez Canal	Afridi (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	January middle.
New York v. Suez Canal	Asama (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 27.
New York v. Suez Canal	Catania (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 7.
Ningpo	Szechuen (s)	Butterfield and Swire.	December 14.
Philadelphia & N. York	St. Mark	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Plymouth & London	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co	Dec. 16, at noon.
Portland, Oregon	Monmouthshire (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Dec 23, at noon.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Shansi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 23.
San Diego v. Japan	Strathgyle (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Doric (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 23, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Dec. 21, daylight.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 3, at noon.
Seattle, U.S.A.	Riojun Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 14, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Bombay (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 16.
S'hai, N'ki, K'bo & Y'ma	Caledonien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Dec. 19.
S'hai, N'ki, H'go & Y'ma	Preussen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About Dec. 14.
Singapore	Taichow (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 14, at 10 a.m.
S'pore, C'mbo & B'bay	Vindobona (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Dec. 15, afternoon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Tamsui Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Dec. 17, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	St. Irene (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Dec. 20, at noon.
Tsintao	Sarnia (s)	Siemssen & Co.	About Dec. 1.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Dec. 20, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe	Gisela (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Dec. 16, at noon.

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Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2685

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2683

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 12.

Foochow, British steamer, 1,253, Smale, Wuhu Dec. 6, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Chowfa, British str., 1,055, J. Williamson, Bangkok Dec. 2, and Ang hin 5, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 13.

Kwangtee, Chinese str., from Canton.

Konig Albert, German str., 6,590, O. Cüppers, Yokohama and Shanghai Dec. 10, Mails and General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Preussen, German str., 3,279, Richard Heinize, Bremerhaven Nov. 1, and Singapore Dec. 7, Mails and General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Meefoo, Chinese steamer, 1,339, Frigast, Shanghai Dec. 9, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Formosa, British str., 674, J. Douglas, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow Dec. 12, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Glenlochy, British str., 1,251, McGregor, London Oct. 20, and Singapore Dec. 7, General.—McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Anping, Chinese str., 1,158, Barlow, Shanghai Dec. 10, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Trym, Norwegian str., 710, Hannestad, Swatow Dec. 12, at 4 p.m., General.—ORRER.

Tamsui Maru, Japanese str., 1,075, K. Sabagima, Amoy and Swatow December 12, General.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Hoihao, French str., 500, J. C. Gerard, Pakhoi Dec. 12, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Kong Beng, British steamer, 862, F. W. Joslin, Haiphong Dec. 11, Rice and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hokuto Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,813, F. L. Sonimer, Moji Dec. 6, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Japan, British steamer, 2,795, C. K. Wright, R.N.R., Yokohama Dec. 8, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 13.

Telartos, for Yokohama.
Hongkong, for Haiphong.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Kiusiu, for Canton.
Saloadora, for Amoy.
Holstein, for Saigon.
Foochow, for Canton.
Chinsan, for Shanghai.
Anping, for Canton.
Lopak, for Hongay.
Tosa Maru, for Yokohama.
Haiping, for Haiphong.
Konig Albert, for Europe, &c.

CLEARED.

St. Mark, for New York.
Formosa, for Taiwan.
Taichow, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Preussen*, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Mr and Mrs Cottam and child, Mrs Kheeler (2), Mrs Christie and child, Mr C. A. Mutton, and Mrs v. der Heyde; from Genoa, Messrs Piehl, Martens, C. Pauli, H. Oldenburg, Captain Hummet, Mr and Mrs Beauchamp, Mrs Voetter, Misses Voetter, Mirgay, Eyre, and Keswick; from Penang, Messrs A. J. Rose and R. C. Nickelson; from Singapore, Messrs S. Goldschlug, S. Kelly, S. Karsenty, Leo Chook Teng, and 288 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Bremen, Miss T. Voss, Mrs Dr Mühlbach, Messrs L. Kurtz, H. Tapp, and H. Freote; from Antwerp, Mr A. Paulsen; from Southampton, Mr and Mrs E. J. Cooper and 3 children, Mr and Mrs J. B. Cameron and 2 children, Rev. and Mrs Walsh, 2 children and servant, Misses Brand (2), Misses Massey, Bateman, Riddal, and Clarke, Messrs T. L. Dawson and F. C. Hall; from Genoa, Mr and Mrs T. L. Scott, Mr and Mrs H. Snethlage, Mr and Mrs Watts Jones, Mr and Mrs M. Rohde, child and servant, Mr and Mrs Ziegenspeck and 2 children, Mrs A. Knappe and child, Miss L. Redewald, Miss E. Schmidt, Miss A. Blass, and Mr A. Kaufmann. For Nagasaki: from Genoa, Mr G. J. Suhi; from Penang, Mr Okina Tatsuda and child. For Hiogo: from Southampton, Rev. and Mrs Price and 2 children, Misses Golgey and Worthington; from Genoa, Miss Huhald; from Singapore, Messrs K. Enamoto, T. Tschinoto, and S. J. Hamawaki. For Yokohama: from Bremen, Mr G. Melchers, and Miss Sündermann; from Antwerp, Mr A. Peters; from Southampton, Mrs M. Nott, Rev. and Mrs Bleby, and Miss Payne; from Genoa, Mr and Mrs Scheckenhofer, and Dr Zuzuki; from Naples, Capt. and Mrs Gühler; from Colombo, Mr Koppe; from Penang, Dr N. Haak, Mrs Ohjak Sang and child; from Singapore, Mr and Mrs von Lindholm, and Mr O. Meyer.

Per *Meefoo*, from Shanghai, Capt. Lindsey and 3 others, 15 Europeans and 15 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, from Tamsui, &c., Messrs S. W. Richardson, Cho Yet Sin, Wong Hoh Sin and 2 servants, and 85 Chinese.

Per *Hakata Maru*, from Moji, Mr D. L. Smith, Mrs E. S. Smith, Mr A. Kingdon, Mr J. A. Yerbolf, and 11 Chinese.

Per *Japan*, from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Busch, Mr H. J. Taylor, Mr H. R. Hearn, Miss E. V. Low, Mr and Mrs Oswald, child and amah, Messrs H. H. Lawson, L. G. Goetz, L. Keith, C. Horner, Mrs Vanuxem, Misses Vanuxem (2), Mr L. C. Vanuxem and servant, Mrs R. R. Terry, Misses Terry (4), Messrs J. E. Terry, Pepperman, R. Bowick, G. Bowack, W. A. Thurman, W. Robinson, and 4 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Meefoo* reports: Light variable winds and fine, sky cloudy, sea smooth.

The British steamer *Formosa* reports: Tamsui to Amoy, strong N'ly breeze, overcast and clear; Amoy to Swatow, fresh N. to N.W. breeze and fine weather; Swatow to Hongkong, light winds and calms. In Amoy, 2 barques and a Japanese cruiser. Steamers in Swatow: *Dr Hans Jury* River and *Wuchang*.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW & SINGAPORE.—
Per *Taichow*, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th December.

For NINGPO.—
Per *Szechuen*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th December.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE.—
Per *Riojun Maru*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th December.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hanoi*, at 8 a.m., on Friday, the 15th December.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.—
Per *Hakata Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 15th December.

For MANILA.—
Per *Loongsang*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 15th December.
Per *Esmeralda*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 15th December.

For SAMSHUI & WUCHOW.—
Per *Wuchow*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 15th December.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Japan*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th December.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

IT is hereby Notified that from the 1st of January next, the Subscription to the *CHINA MAIL* will be $30 per annum, instead of $26; and $7.50 per quarter instead of $7.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

10 a.m.—*Taichow* leaves for Singapore.
4 p.m.—*Riojun Maru* leaves for Seattle, U.S.A.

Meeting.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Diligentia Lodge.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 15:—
Goods per *Afridi* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Parramatta* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Goods per *Macduff* not cleared this date at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

SATURDAY, December 16:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Christmas Sundries, &c., by Mr. G. P. Lammert.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Queen's Road East (near Tai Wong Temple).
5 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

MONDAY, December 18:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at the Company's Town Depôt, 2, Albert Road.
Good per *Tosa Maru* not cleared after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, December 20:—
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong Benevolent Society.
Goods per *Glenlochy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, December 21:—
9 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C., in the City Hall.
Goods per *Preussen* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, January 6:—
9 p.m.—Grand Entertainment in aid of War Fund.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 13, 1899.

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,, On demand,	1/11¾
,, 30 days' sight,	1/11⅞
,, 4 months' sight,	2/0⅛
Credits, 4 ,,	2/0⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/0⅛
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.49½
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.54½
On Berlin—Demand,	2.02
On New York—	
On demand,	48
Credits, 60 days' sight,	49
On Bombay—	
Wire,	146
On demand,	146½
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	146
On demand,	146½
On Singapore—	
On demand,	½% pm.
On Manila—	
On demand,	2½ pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	71
30 days' sight, (private paper)	72½
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	3½ pm.
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BIRTHS.

On the 7th December, at No. 102, Chapoo Road, Shanghai, the wife of C. Witmuss, of a daughter.

At Tyrie, Mount Elizabeth, Singapore, the Wife of Mr P. Symes, of a Son.

DEATHS.

On the 6th December, at 270.5 Queen Street, Singapore, HENRY EDWARD, the eldest beloved son of Herminigild Edward Bouderyn, aged 20 years and 27 days.

At his residence, No. 18, Wilkie Road, Singapore, EMILE LEHERCIER. Aged 39 years.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1899.

Editorial Comment.

RATS!

Since it is accepted as a fact that rats are one of the principal factors in the dissemination of plague germs, the Sanitary Board has taken a wise step in proposing a wholesale onslaught upon the wily rodent, and, as Mr Osborne sensibly remarked at the last meeting of the Board, now is the time to begin the crusade and not when the plague is upon us in all its ghastly hideousness. We understand that the head of the Government is a warm supporter of the Board's proposal, so perhaps it will not be necessary to ask permission from the Colonial Office to adopt a measure which, it is believed, will help to mitigate the yearly visitation of plague. Whatever method is ultimately accepted as the best to keep down the rat-population, it is obvious that there are many places inaccessible to the professional rat-catcher, such as private dwellings, &c., and so a gentleman, who, on account of his experience, has some right to be heard on this subject, sends us the following remarks as worthy of public consideration at this time:—

As an amateur rat-catcher, for, when a schoolboy, I made much pocket-money at my own home by ridding the place of rats, I may be able to offer a few hints to those who have lived in localities unfavourable to rats. There is a curious connection between rats and water, and most places situated on a river are infested by them. Sewers take the place of rivers in large towns. Now, the rat is a very clever little animal, and soon knows a trap and the smell of a trap, and I am afraid the hundreds of traps made to no good will soon be of little use, for rats seem to pass the word along and nothing will induce them to enter. As an all-round trap, the iron gin is perhaps the best, for you can disguise it so well. It can be set in grain, sand, chaff, and sawdust, and, if scalded or put in hot ashes now and then, never fails, if shifted to a new locality occasionally. Of course, it has objectionable features, for family pets, cats and dogs, are liable to be caught if it is not protected, and, if rats are left in it too long they will eat off the broken part of the leg and escape. I remember once catching a rat by his only remaining leg, the others having been eaten off and the stumps healed up. In the London Docks, the rat-catchers use large cage traps, which are baited with green stuff, cabbage, &c., and the rats have the free run of them for a few nights. Then the traps are set, and a big haul is the result. It is curious that these rats are run into a bag, and when hung up would rather starve than eat their way out. Pits dug in the ground, the top narrower than the bottom—miniature *oubliettes*—form another excellent way of trapping rodents, and are in great favour in gardens and plantations; but for an ordinary house I would say nothing beats birdlime spread on a board. I believe it strikes terror into the rats, and those that are not caught soon leave. Oil of aniseed is perhaps the best thing to attract them; also raw meat and vegetables. There is a very good trap made by the Malays out of a bamboo. It is innocent in appearance, and suggests a rat hole. Then a cask may be converted into a trap with a board nicely balanced on its edge, the bait hung on the inner end so that when the rat runs out on the board he is shot into the cask like walking the plank. A rat hole made in the bottom of a cask, and the cask half-filled with straw and a little grain, will often result in a good haul. A piece of wood should be tied to the end of a wire, and in the midst of the evening drawn across when any rats inside are caught. An inverted basin set over an old coffee can of broken wine-glass or tile side is simple and effective, also a stone or large brick set between two upright sticks, with a thread, with a bait, or two strands in the cotton, supporting the end of the brick three inches from the ground. Rats in some very small in proportion to the food supply, so poisoning should be left alone for them, and of course there can be no rats if there is no place for them to hide. The modern steamer is a good instance; rats are not the danger they used to be. There is no question in the mind of any one in Hongkong as to the best place for the rats to hide, and it is a place that should be cleared out. The full strength of the sanitary staff, and all the coolies they can get, should be set to work to clear the place out, and the rats will be driven out. Rats are very fond of rice, and if the rice is well cleared out they will be driven out in the open. Kwangtung is gay.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD:—*Burma*, October 31; *Strathgyle*, Nov. 2; *Clio*, *Kostroma*, *Eleanor*, 7; *Whitehall*, 14; *Benglloe*, *Nes*, 17; *Bedouin*, *Bergenhaus*, *Telemachus*, 21; *Morionethshire*, *Argyll*, 24; *Alderney*, *Hitachi*, *Mars*, *Holsatia*, *Romney*, *Thordis*, 28; *Marie Valerie*, *Salado*, Dec. 1; *Benvorlich*, *Serbia*, 5; *Glengarry*, *Regulus*, *Wakasa Maru*, *Yamarita*, 8.

HOMEWARD:—*Annam*, Nov. 17; *Candia*, 28; *Java*, *Orestes*, Dec. 1; *Kintachi Maru*, 5; *Tanfa*, 8.

Mails.

The B. M. Co.'s s.s. *Caledonien*, with the FRENCH MAIL of the 17th Nov., left Singapore on Tuesday, the 12th Dec., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th Dec. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched rom Hongkong on 14th Oct.

The P. K. K. s.s. *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe and Shanghai, on the 25th Nov.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong on Monday afternoon, the 4th Dec., via usual ports of calls.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Bombay* left Singapore for this port on the 8th Dec., at 8 a.m.

The s.s. *Suisang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Monday, the 4th Dec., at 6 p.m.

The N. G. L.'s s.s. *Bermida* left Bombay for this port on the 2nd Dec., and is due here on or about the 21st Dec.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Dardanus* left Singapore on the morning of 7th Dec., and is due here on the 13th Dec.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Gisela* left Singapore for this port on the 7th Dec.

The s.s. *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the morning of 12th Dec.

The s.s. *Nanchang* leaves Hoilo for Cebu, Manila and Hongkong, on the 13th Dec.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Monmouthshire* arrived at Yokohama from Portland, on the 5th Dec.

The s.s. *Birchlor* left New York on the 24th Oct., via Suez, for Hongkong, China and Japan ports.

The s.s. *St. Regulus* left New York for the Straits, China and Japan on the 11th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Saint Irene* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 21st Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *City of Dublin* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 26th Nov.

The East Asiatic Co. Ltd. s.s. *Siam* left Singapore on Friday afternoon, the 8th Dec., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 16th Dec.

The A. L. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Vindobona* left Moji for this port on the 9th Dec.

The s.s. *Taiyuan* left Darwin, for Manila and Hongkong, on the 7th Dec.

The s.s. *Taiwan* left Sydney for usual Queensland ports, Darwin, Manila, Hongkong and Shanghai, on 9th Dec.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Breconshire* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong.

Latest Advices.

The N. D. L. steamer *Wittenburg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 11th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 17th Dec.

The H. A. L. steamer *Silesia*, from Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp and Rotterdam, left Singapore for this port on the 12th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 18th Dec.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Antenor* left Singapore on the 12th Dec., and is due in Hongkong on 18th Dec.

The O. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 13th Dec., at daylight.

The silk ex N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Breconshire* arrived in New York on the 7th Dec.

The C. M. Co.'s s.s. *Chingtu* left Moji on the morning of 13th Dec., and is expected in Hongkong on the 18th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kagoshima Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 12th Dec., and is expected to arrive here on the 18th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Yawata Maru* left Thursday Island, via Manila for this port, on the 9th Dec., and is expected to arrive here on the 21st Dec.

Dog Licences.

The annual issue of dog licences will commence next month, and our attention has been directed to a matter which is worthy of consideration by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Several dog owners suggest that, instead of issuing new metal tabs, with the number of the licence, to be attached to the dogs' collars, that the tabs issued this year, which are attached to the collars, be retained, and the same number be entered in the licence. If this method were adopted it would save the mutilation of the collars, by the extraction of the one tab and the substitution of the new one. The owner would have his licence paper to show when the licence had been issued.

Serious Fire.

This morning a most disastrous fire occurred in a piece goods establishment in Jervois Street, a building of three floors being completely gutted. About half past six o'clock the alarm was given that fire had broken out on the ground floor of No. 75 Jervois Street. The ground and first floors were occupied by the Wa Hing piece goods shop and the second floor was occupied by the Ma Ying Lok piece goods firm. The Fire Brigade turned out in command of Captain Superintendent Moss, but the flames had obtained quite a secure hold of the building that the Brigade deemed it useless to attempt to save it, and devoted their energies to preventing the spread of the flames to the adjoining bu

Notes by the Way.

The Japanese torpedo-boat-destroyer *Kareya*, built on the Thames, sailed for Japan on the 28th November.

The U. S. cruiser *Brooklyn*, now on her way to Manila, arrived at Colombo on the 29th November, and the *New Orleans* on the 30th November.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play a return match with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers under Rugby rules. The Club in white. Kick-off at a quarter past four.

The offer of Ceylon Mounted Infantry (Volunteers) for service in South Africa has been refused with thanks. The Imperial Government expressed its appreciation of the spirit which prompted the offer.

To all philatelists abroad it may be of interest to learn that on Jan. 1st next year (1900) new German stamps are to be put into use; so that it might be advisable to collect the German stamps at present in circulation.

The Prudential Assurance Co. has paid claims upon the lives of the soldiers who fell at Glencoe and Elandslaagte. No fewer than 10,000 of the troops who will be at the front are insured in that office, which has not charged war risks.

Says an Indian paper:—How it strikes some of us: from a lady to a lady: 'The Transvaal is very upsetting. I have a first-cousin in the Irish Fusiliers, now a prisoner in the Grand Stand, and I hear the food is dreadful, and no washing.' (Boer fellow!)

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association will be held on Friday next, the 15th inst., at 5.30 p.m., in St Paul's College. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of the general public, as well as members of the Association.

Ashton-under-Lyne has contributed a large contingent of Reservists for the South African war, and Mr Herbert Whitely, the Parliamentary member for the borough, has generously offered to pay the house-rent of those who are breadwinners during their absence with the British Field Force.

A telegram to the *Tribuna*, Rome, states that three British warships, the battle-ship *Anson*, the cruiser *Hawke*, and the destroyer *Bruiser*, have gone in chase of a Russian steamer which is on its way to Delagoa Bay, via the Suez Canal, with arms and ammunition for the Transvaal Government.

While the U. S. cruiser *Brooklyn* was at Aden a German steamer arrived, followed shortly afterwards by the British cruiser *Pelorus* (Capt. H. C. B. Hulbert) which was supposed to be shadowing the steamer because her destination was unknown. It was stated that the German vessel was proceeding to Australia, but she was being watched.

The meeting held at Shanghai on the 7th inst. to appoint a Committee to collect for the Patriotic Fund was a great success. The Chairman intimated that the circulars would contain four separate headings, namely, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, the Patriotic Fund, Lloyd's Patriotic Fund and the British Red Cross Society, to any or either of which they could subscribe. The following Committee was appointed:—Mr Pelham L. Warren, Sir Nicholas J. Hannen, Messrs M. Adler, F. Anderson, J. C. Bois, R. M. Campbell, B. A. Clarke, D. W. Crawford, Chas. Dowdall, Wade Gard'ner, S. A. Hardoon, Cecil Holliday, E. A. Hewett, R. Inglis, R. W. Little, N. Macleod, M.D., J. Prentice, B. C. Sethna, J. R. Twentyman, and H. P. Wilkinson. Before dispersing, the meeting sang 'God Save the Queen.'

Jelebu.

The General Agents of the Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd., Singapore, received the following telegram from Jelebu, dated 6th inst.:—'Permanent crushing (with present water supply) started this morning, everything very satisfactory, all machinery working well.'

The Punjom Mines.

Mr. Wm. Kerfoot Hughes is a passenger to-day by the s.s. *Kong Albert* to Singapore. He proceeds to the Punjom Mines to take charge of the Company's interests at Punjom. He has been connected with the Company from its inception, and was one of the original Directors. He has recently visited the Mines, and is so satisfied with the prospects that he had no hesitation in returning there to take charge, the Directors having invited him to join the Board, as well as Mr Thomas Howard. This is apparently a step in the right direction, the Company having for the first time one of the Directors to look after and safeguard its interests in Pahang.

HE KNOWS WHEREOF HE WRITES.

AN editor prints his paper to give his patrons the news of the day and for the money there is in it. He is presumed to know of what he writes and he generally does. When he writes as he does in the *Leader*, Cocoa Mills P.O., without fee or hope of reward, that 'Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts magically, and we have found none better in our household,' it you have a cough, try it. It may be accepted as an honest expression, worthy of confidence. For sale by All Dealers. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

English Footballers in Germany.

A London telegram dated 29th November, reports:—The English Football team (Association), including Taylor (the Cambridge blue) Rogers, Holt, and Chadwick, defeated the German team at Berlin last week by 13 goals to 2, and again on Friday by 10 goals to 2. The Englishmen met a team representing the combined strength of Germany and Austria, and won by 7 to 0. This concluded the tour. The team are returning delighted with their reception and the crowded attendances.

Rinderpest and its Treatment.

The *Times of Ceylon* of the 28th Nov. says:—Dr Chinniah, the Veterinary Surgeon, interviewed on the subject of Rinderpest to-day, says that the epidemic is almost extinct now. Bile inoculation, he believes, is about the best and safest preventive, this being his experience, not only from experiments conducted by him locally but from reports that have reached him from other sources. Dr Chinniah's presence was in many instances very necessary up-country, but the bile he carried with him was subject to a variation of temperature, and as a result there was a mortality of about 20 per cent. among the animals he inoculated. He has had to use both glycerinated and pure bile, and he finds that the percentage of deaths among the cattle that received pure bile was less than those who received the glycerinated article. Dr Chinniah holds inoculation for Rinderpest to be the best and cheapest, and far preferable to the ordinary disinfection and isolation. This is evidently now the general opinion, and if cases of Rinderpest occur, and should they be brought to his notice, Dr Chinniah, we understand, will take the first opportunity of obtaining as much bile as he can to continue inoculating on a proper system.

Masonic Installation.

At the Installation meeting of Lodge St. John, 618, S.C., R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater, District Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge attended as an act of courtesy to perform the installation ceremony, when Brother H. B. Bridger was invested with the command of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. He then invested his officers as follows:—W.S.W., Bro. W. Muskett; W.J.W., Bro. W. K. Davidson; Treasurer, Bro. W. C. Taylor; Secretary, Bro. J. A. Tarrant; S.D., Bro. H. Jewitt; J.D., Bro. J. S. Anderson; Organist, Bro. A. J. McL. Farr; Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. W. Farmer; Stewards, Bros. [illegible] and F. Allen; I.G., Bro. W. M. Everall; Tyler, Bro. Jorus. After the installation ceremony, the assembled brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, which was most tastefully decorated, a device on white satin, painted by Wor. Bro. Farmer, and the general snow effect—the idea of Bro. Howell—together with the general scheme of decoration, aggregated an effect which the Worshipful District Grand Master was pleased to sum up in the one word, 'splendid.' The usual loyal and masonic toasts followed and, during the evening the W.S.W., Bro. W. Muskett, gave Kipling's 'Absent-minded Beggar,' raking in another $113 to the fund for the aid of our soldiers' wives, widows and children.

Pirates Steal a Hongkong Launch.

There is good reason to suppose that a gang of pirates has stolen the steam launch *Fei On* which has been reported to the Police as missing. The launch was running between Hongkong and Lantau Island, calling at the two villages of Tung Cheung and Tai O, and a few days ago was chartered from the owner, by a man unknown to him, to continue on the run. On Monday afternoon, the launch left, as usual, for Lantau, and called in at Tung Cheung where one passenger was landed. Yesterday, this man walked over to Tai O, and was met by anxious enquiries from the villagers as to the launch, which had not called in at Tai O. Enquiries were made and it was discovered that the launch had not returned to Hongkong. The owner knows nothing concerning her whereabouts and says the charterer was a stranger to him. It would appear that the robbers have been altogether too clever for the launch owner, and have secured a vessel which may serve a useful purpose in their depredations. Some years ago some members of the piratical fraternity were successful in securing two launches from Hongkong, and having covered up the names of the vessels with canvas, they went steaming up the West River, flying a Mandarin's flag, and levied blackmail on a large number of passenger boats. As a precautionary measure against the recurrence of similar tactics, the Captain Superintendent of Police has communicated the intelligence of the robbery to the Canton Viceroy, and it is hoped that that official will take active steps to secure the capture of the launch and the robbers. H.M.S. *Phoenix* left this afternoon for a cruise in search of the missing launch.

THE MODERN MOTHER

HAS found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant syrup of figs, which is food of the laxative effect of a gentle friend. Many of her children enjoy it, and it remains the most popular remedy. Syrup of Figs, a pleasant laxative, cleanses the system, dispels colds, fevers, headaches and other ailments. For sale by all Dealers. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

The Situation in Shantung.

An Imperial Edict appoints Yuan Shih-kai, at present commander of the *Wei* troops (Peiyang army) acting Governor of Shantung. We imagine (says the *China Gazette*) Yuan will be very glad to get away from Peking where he has lately been somewhat suspected of 'Reform' sympathies.

The French at Kwongchau-wan.

It is reported in Peking (says the *N.-C. Daily News*) that the reparation demanded by the French for the decapitation of the two French officers at Kuangchou-wan has been accorded by the Chinese and the incident is closed. The terms are:—The dismissal of the Viceroy of the Two Kuang.

The decapitation of the guilty prefect.

The payment of an indemnity of Tls. 80,000 to the families of the officers killed.

The Death of Sir Charles Mitchell.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 7th inst. says:—

His Excellency the Governor, with Lady Mitchell, returned from Malacca, where they had been staying for a week, on Nov. 26th, and H. E. resumed his usual round of official business, being, perhaps, a trifle more busy because of the attended departure of the Colonial Secretary, Sir Alexander Swettenham on leave. To all appearances His Excellency was in his usual hale and hearty condition. He attended Legislative Council as usual on Tuesday; and was engaged at Executive Council from noon yesterday. Unfortunately Sir Charles was struck with paralysis yesterday afternoon, about 4.30 p.m. Dr Simon, P.C.M.O., was immediately summoned by telephone, and stayed with the Governor all night. Despite all efforts, however, death ensued at 11.30 this forenoon. Immediately the news became known, the flags on all Government buildings were put at half-mast, information was conveyed to the General Officer Commanding, and to all Heads of Departments, the general public becoming aware of it by noon. The suddenness of his illness may be judged from the fact that the Governor was in Legislative Council on Tuesday afternoon when he was apparently quite well. Almost his last remark, made with a slight air of weariness, about the Jinrikisha Bill, that the Council seemed to be overburdened with matters that might well be dealt with by rules, was an indication of the trend of his mind, which was always to get through business with regularity and despatch. His Excellency also presided over a meeting of the Executive Council yesterday, at noon, and apparently seemed well then.

[The funeral took place on the following day, being attended by the Garrison, a naval detachment from H.M.S. *Hermione* and *Rattler*, and the Freemasons in regalia.]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

'C' Machine Gun Company 2nd monthly Carbine Competition Result:—

	Se	Heap.		
Gunner Miller	79	20	=	99
Lt. Underwood	84	14	=	98
Gr. Baldwin	92	Sc	=	92
Bombdr. Bailey	70	21	=	91
Lt. Duncan	81	8	=	89
Gr. Granville	81	8	=	89
[illegible]	70	13	=	83
Corpl. Sherwin	70	15	=	85

BOWLING MATCH.

HONGKONG CLUB v. GERMAN CLUB.

The first half of this match was played on the alleys of the respective Clubs last night, with the result that the Hongkong Club holds a lead of 359 points. Scores:—

ENGLISH TEAM.

	Hongkong Club.	German Club.	Total
F. Maitland	769	—	—
M. W. Slade	690	—	—
E. C. Lane	757	—	—
H. Rotherham, R.W.F.	757	—	—
A. M. Thomson	—	700	—
Capt. Warren, R.A.	—	774	—
W. B. Walker	—	795	—
K. W. Mounsey	—	763	—
Totals	2973	3032	6005

GERMAN TEAM.

	Hongkong Club	German Club	Total
A. Rombach	738	—	—
E. Vollbrecht	811	—	—
C. H. Lammert	618	—	—
E. Mirow	642	—	—
W. O. C. Spalckhaver	—	795	—
C. Plate	—	696	—
G. Engel	—	767	—
C. Thiessen	—	779	—
Totals	2809	3037	5646

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S HOMEWARD VOYAGE.

HIS GRATIFICATION WITH HIS RECEPTION IN BRITISH COLONIES.

The following copy of a despatch which has been received by H. E. the General Officer Commanding in Ceylon, from the Adjutant General, is published for information:—

Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., &c., &c.

My Lord,—I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I am instructed by the President to express the gratification of the Government of the United States at the courteous and cordial attention paid to Admiral George Dewey, U.S.N., by the British authorities, Civil, Naval, and Military, in all of Her Majesty's Colonies visited by him on his voyage home from Manila in the 'Olympia.'

Admiral Dewey has expressed to his Government—with the request that it should be conveyed to Her Majesty's Government—his warm personal gratitude for the generous treatment accorded to him at every British Port, and for the hearty goodwill and friendly feeling everywhere manifested.

I have great pleasure in being the medium of this communication.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOSEPH CHOATE.

American Embassy, London, Oct. 17, 1899.

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS CONSTANT USE WITHOUT A FAILURE.

THE first indication of croup is hoarseness, and as a child subject to that disease it may be taken as sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has proved ineffectual. No other preparation can show such a record. Twenty-five years constant use without a failure. For sale by all Dealers. Watkins & Co., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 11th December, 1899.

THE WAR,—THE DEFEAT AT THE CAPE.

General Gatacre had apparently a force of 4,000, and lost one gun. The column, which was marching four abreast, was surprised at daybreak by a hot Boer fire. There was no confusion, and General Gatacre and the officers coolly brought the men into action, and a hot battle was soon raging. The British Artillery occupied a position on a small kopje, and the infantry gallantly clambered up the enemy's position in skirmishing order under a galling fire. On reaching the top they found themselves the centre of the enemy's fire from three quarters. The casualties were: Irish Rifles—Colonel Eagar, Major Seton, Captains Ball and Kelly, and Lieutenants Stevens, Stone and Maynard wounded, and Captain Weir and Lieuts. Christie and Rodney missing, twelve men wounded and 200 missing. The Northumberlands—Major Stevens, Captains Fletcher, Morley, Lieuts. Wake, Coulson, Radcliffe and 380 men missing. 74th Field Battery—Lieut. Lewis wounded. 77th Battery—Major Percival wounded. The troops had thirty hours' hard work before reaching Moltano.

(Singapore Free Press.)

UNREST IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

MAT SALLEH AGGRESSIVE AGAIN.

LABUAN, Dec. 7.

Mat Salleh is at Pappar, with 200 men in a strong Fort.

Mr F. G. Atkinson, District Officer, has been joined by Sub-Commandant Dansey, of the B. N. Borneo Police, and together they have 40 Sikh Police.

(N.-C. Daily News.)

AN UNEXPECTED SENTENCE.

KOBE, Dec. 7.

Mr Kent, the third officer of the *Tamba Maru*, has been sentenced to six months' rigorous confinement. He will probably appeal.

THE RUSSIAN CLAIMS AT HANKOW.

The *China Gazette* of the 8th inst. says:—We learn that, doubtless taking advantage of England's pressing engagements in South Africa, the Russian Government, through its Consul M. Yahovitch, has revived its claim to Messrs Jardine, Matheson's land at Hankow, and local relations between the British and Russians are once more assuming a strained appearance. We are given to understand that the Russian Consul claims that the question of the disputed ownership of the land has been decided in favour of his Government and that Jardines have no right to the land. But neither the British Consul nor Jardines have any information on the subject.

THE 'MISSUS AND KIDS' FUND.

Although we have formally intimated that all future contributions to the fund for the Wives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors engaged in the South African War should be sent to Sir Thomas Jackson, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, subscriptions still come to hand, from which it may be inferred that the original suggestion of a Naval Officer through our columns has touched a sympathetic chord in many a heart throughout the Coast Ports of China. Capt. A. E. Hudgins, S.S. *Haiman*, forwards $70 from the Captain, Officers and Engineers of that popular local steamer, and Mr Layard, British Consul at Tamsui sends from British Residents in Formosa the handsome sum of $613. Those sums have been passed on to Sir Thomas Jackson, but we take this opportunity of thanking the various subscribers, on behalf of 'R.N.' and ourselves, for the ready response that was made to the timely call for assistance. Hongkong and the southern Treaty Ports of China have done nobly, and doubtless the British communities up north will, similarly, contribute handsomely to the Fund that is being organised in Shanghai.

We have much pleasure in reproducing Mr Layard's letter:—

H. B. M. Consulate,
Tamsui, December 7, 1899.

The Editor, *China Mail*,
Hongkong.

Sir,—In compliance with the wishes of the British residents in this district, I circulated amongst them on the 27th ulto. a notice inviting subscriptions towards the fund opened by the *China Mail*, Hongkong, for the relief of the wives, widows and children of British soldiers and sailors killed or wounded in South Africa.

I have now much pleasure in handing you, on behalf of the community, the amount subscribed, viz., $613, in draft and cheques to your order, together with a list of the names of subscribers, who, with one (or possibly two) exceptions are all British subjects or representatives of British firms.

Since closing the list, the report of the meeting held by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry Blake, on the 27th ulto. in Hongkong, has come to hand; and I feel sure that I am acting in accordance with the wishes of the British community here in asking you to be good enough to dispose of the money sent herewith in the manner proposed and decided on at that meeting.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. DE B. LAYARD.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 12th at 11.55 a. The barometer has fallen slightly on the China coast. A few pressures were seen to be moving eastwards over N. China. Gradients continue slight with a moderate monsoon in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea. Fair weather is still ruling.

THE WAR.

THE ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.

HEAVY NAVAL LOSSES.

London, Nov 20.—General Methuen had a severe fight at Graspan yesterday, and stormed the Boers' position. The fighting was most desperate, and the losses on both sides were heavy.

Later.—Lord Methuen reports that he advanced at daybreak yesterday, and encountered 2,500 Boers with six guns and two machine guns. The fight lasted from six to ten. After shrapnelling, and apparently clearing, the Boer position, the Naval Brigade and the Infantry assaulted and stormed the heights. The fighting was most desperate. The Boers retreated on to the line where the 9th Lancers were placed to intercept them; but the result of this is not yet known. The Naval Brigade displayed the greatest gallantry, and suffered heavily. The Marines, Yorkshires, and North Lancashires especially distinguished themselves. The force must take half a day at Graspan to rest the men and replenish their ammunition. The troops are prepared to overcome any difficulty.

Later.—20 Boers were buried after the fight; and 31 are known to be killed and 48 wounded. 81 Boers were killed in Thursday's fight.

Lord Methuen has established heliographic communication with Kimberley.

Owing to the incidents that occurred at Belmont, Lord Methuen has written courteously to the Boer Commander asking him to prevent the Boer wounded firing on the British who are desirous of assisting them, and to desist from the use of Dum-Dum bullets, and to forbear from the abuse of the white flag.

The killed at Graspan include Commander Ethelston, of H.M.S. *Powerful*; Major Plumbe, of the Royal Marines; and Captain Senior, of the Royal Marine Artillery. Severely wounded—Capt. Protheroe of the *Doris*; and wounded—Lieut. Jones, Royal Marines, also of the *Doris*.

London, November 27. Nothing more has been heard from Lord Methuen. An Admiralty telegram states that the Naval Brigade and Marines lost 14 killed and 91 wounded at Graspan.

Bombay, Nov. 27.—Lord Methuen reports that all the Belmont wounded are doing well. The prisoners say the attack was a surprise. The Reservists behaved well.

Colonel R. Pole-Carew, of the Coldstream Guards, succeeds Brigadier-General Featherstonhaugh, severely wounded, in the command of a division.

London, Nov. 28.—General Methuen's list of casualties in the battle at Graspan, which is officially described as the battle of Enslin, gives a total of 198, which includes the naval losses already reported. The list mentions casualties in the Lancers, which apparently disposes of the fears that the cavalry had surrendered and been captured.

Later.—Captain Protheroe, Lieut. Jones, and Midshipman Huddart all died of wounds received in the battle at Graspan. Captain Yate and Lieuts. Fernyhough and Ackroyd, of the Yorkshires, were wounded at Graspan.

Lieut. Sterling, of the 9th Lancers, was wounded in the reconnaissance made on Sunday; and Lieut. Owen Lewis, of the 14th Bombay Infantry, died of his wounds received in the reconnaissance in the armoured train on Friday.

Bombay, Nov. 29.—The 17th Lancers lost one killed and eight wounded in pursuing the enemy. The remainder have returned to camp, removing the anxiety felt at their prolonged absence.

With Lord Methuen's Force, November 25.—The battle at Graspan to-day opened with an Artillery duel west of a long line of steep kopjes. The fighting became sharp about 8 o'clock. The honours of the day rest with the 8th Brigade and the Naval detachments.

The first line, consisting of the Northumberlands and the Naval brigade, and the second line, consisting of the Northamptons and the Yorkshires, advanced to storm the kopjes, and found the enemy concentrated on a hill on the extreme right, 250 feet high. The position was both naturally and artificially exceptionally strong.

After being shelled with shrapnel, the hill was taken by assault in the face of a terrific fire, which caused heavy losses, especially 200 yards from the bottom.

Lieut. Taylor, of the Yorkshires, though unarmed, was the first over the crest.

The enemy, after heavy fighting, fled to the North, pursued by Artillery fire.

The Naval Brigade advanced in close order, and the officers retained their swords; the losses to the Brigade being in consequence excessive.

Special praise is due to the Medical staff for the rapid relief and removal of the wounded.

The Boers fired on the Geneva Cross once.

November 26.—Lord Methuen forbids correspondents to exceed 300 words daily, so it is impossible to telegraph details.

No tinned rations are being used, fresh rations being either commandered or bought.

The force march generally after 3 a.m. after a ration of cocoa, dining after fighting, or marching when the transport arrives.

Lombay, Nov. 29.—A *Bombay Gazette* wire from London, on the 29th November, states that Colonel Kekewich has sent a communication dated Thursday, in which he states that several unimportant skirmishes had taken place in the vicinity of Kimberley. During the fighting five men were wounded.

Colonel Kekewich adds that his force is well.

The enemy have vacated their camp to the south of Kimberley; and 3,000 Boers, under Commandant Cronje, have marched southwards to reinforce Boers assembled at the Modder River to oppose the advance of Lord Methuen's column.

The Boers are disappearing from the neighbourhood of Kimberley.

General Walker, at Cape Town, reports that on Tuesday the Kimberley railway was open seventeen miles to the south of Modder; and on Sunday the telegraph was open eight miles to the south of Modder.

A telegram to the *Bombay Gazette*, dated London Nov. 29th, states that additional details of the fighting at Graspan show how heavy were the casualties incurred.

After the Artillery had shelled them with shrapnel, the enemy's fire slackened and stopped. No Boers were visible in the kopjes.

The British troops then advanced and captured the kopjes with slight loss when suddenly, when the Naval Brigade were within two hundred yards of them, a blaze of fire opened all round the kopjes. It was then that heavy losses occurred.

The men rallied and fought over. After a few minutes they resumed the advance, rushing from cover to cover, and cleared the kopjes.

The Boers, who had previously withdrawn their artillery, and thus retired rapidly, but they still hung on the outskirts of the advancing troops.

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

London, Nov. 27.—A *Times* telegram from Queenstown on the 26th instant states that General Gatacre moves to the front to-morrow. The Boers are reported south of Stormberg.

November 29.—It is officially announced that General Gatacre, with a Battalion of Infantry, occupied Bushmanshook on Monday. The enemy retired to Molteno.

SIX DAYS CONTINUOUS FIGHTING AT KURUMAN.

London, November 27.—Reuter wires from Kuruman, under date of the 20th instant, that 500 Boers attacked Kuruman on the 13th instant, and that continuous fighting was kept up for six days and nights. The Boers were eventually repulsed with the loss of 30 killed and 28 wounded, and a British loss of 30 killed and one wounded. The Boers then disappeared on the 19th instant, but for what reason is unknown.

SPEECH BY MR BALFOUR.

London, November 29.—Mr Balfour, speaking at Dewsbury, said he was convinced the Transvaal war was not a despairing struggle for liberty by the Boers, but a bold bid for empire. He praised our troops, and especially the Nataliana, and foretold an era of peace and prosperity.

The Fighting in Natal.

Durban, November 29.—Orders have been issued at Estcourt for a general advance on Colenso.

Bombay, Nov. 27.—A *Bombay Gazette* cablegram states that the Boers withdrew to the Mooi River on Friday night, being disconcerted by General Hildyard's bayonet charge on Thursday. Their discomfiture was completed on receiving the news of Lord Methuen's threatened invasion of the Free State.

London, November 27.—The Mooi River railway has been re-opened to Frere.

A despatch from General Sir Redvers Buller dated Pietermaritzburg, November 26th, states that General Hildyard advanced on the 23rd instant against the enemy at Beacon Hill. The operations resulted in the enemy retiring. The British loss was 14 killed and 50 wounded. The telegraph and railway between Estcourt and Weston have been restored. General Hildyard has advanced to a position near Frere, and hopes to cut off the enemy, who are believed to be retiring on Colenso. General Barton is advancing on Estcourt. A telegram from the Governor of Natal states that the Boers are retiring from Weenen. The British occupy a ridge three miles north of the Mooi River. It appears that the Boers, finding the British too strong, are retiring on Ladysmith.

November 28.—The *Daily News*, understands that the Government decided yesterday to immediately mobilize the Sixth Division for South Africa.

The *Daily Mail* in a telegram from Frere, dated Sunday, says that ten thousand troops are now there.

Bombay, Nov. 29.—A despatch dated the 24th from General White says that all is well. Sir Geo. White has accepted General Joubert's explanation about firing after a flag of truce.

Lieutenant Lethbridge, of the Rifle Brigade, has died of his wounds.

SIR E. CLARKE AND HIS CONSTITUENTS.

London, Nov. 29.—Sir Edward Clarke has written to say that he accepts the decision of the Local Conservative Executive at Plymouth, that the feeling his war speeches have been arousing is imperilling the Party prospects at the General Election. Therefore, although he regards the constituency with pride and happiness, he does not propose to stand for the Borough again.

THE KAISER'S VISIT.

The Kaiser's subscription for the families of the men of the Royal Dragoons crowns a visit which has been remarkable for tact and good taste.

FOR THE WAR FUND—NOTABLE FUNCTIONS.

Some of the ladies among the leaders of Society in London are organising an exhibition of the costliest curios, the price of admission going to the Imperial War Fund.

The American ladies in London are also organising an entertainment at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, on behalf of the *Maine* hospital ship. The Prince of Wales has secured a table; and the Lansdownes, the Chamberlains, the Choates, and the Kiplings are also expected to come.

Other entertainments are to be given at the Carlton at Claridge's Hotels and elsewhere on a lavish scale.

A special fund is proposed for the benefit of families of the Natal and Indian contingents.

A Major-General, writing to the *Times*, affirms that the Indian contingent arriving in the nick of time was the means under God of saving us in Natal.

London, Nov. 29.—The following telegram will appear in *The Times*:—

Ladysmith, Nov. 21.—During the last four days the enemy regularly fired into the camp and town, but the fire has hitherto been ineffective.

To-day the practice was better, and the English Church and convent were struck.

There is evidence that the Boers are moving south. Reports from the war balloon say that convoys are daily visible trekking.

All is well, and the garrison has full rations.

The enemy have made no further attempt to attack the town, and the defences are daily improved.

MOBILIZATION OF THE FIFTH DIVISION.

ELEVEN THOUSAND OFFICERS AND MEN LEAVING.

London, Nov. 27.—Sir Charles Warren's Staff for the Fifth Division consists of Colonel A. W. Morris, Major Capper, (East Lancashires), Major Sargent (Army Service Corps), Major Williams (East Kents), Colonel Allen, and Major Davis (R.A.M.C.); and Captain McHardy, Signalling Officer.

The Ninth Brigade, under Colonel Woodgate, comprises the 2nd Battalion Royal Lancashires; the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers; the 1st Battalion South Lancashires; the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster; the 25th Company Army Service Corps; the 6th Company Army Medical Corps; and Depôt Companies from Aldershot. The Brigade is mobilising mostly at York.

The 10th Brigade, under Colonel Cooke, comprises the 2nd Battalion Warwickshires; the 1st Battalion Yorkshires; the 2nd Battalion Dorsetshires; the 2nd Battalion Middlesex; and the 32nd Company Army Service Corps. The Brigade is mobilising at Chatham.

The divisional troops comprise the 14th Hussars; the 19th, 20th, and 28th Field Batteries; an ammunition column; the 22nd Field Company of Engineers; the 12th Company Army Service Corps; and the 15th Company Army Medical Corps. These are mobilising at various centres.

The total division will consist of nine machine guns, 18 guns, 1,200 horses, and 11,063 officers and men, where of 1,900 will in the *Canada* from Liverpool, on Thursday next; 1,500 in the *Dunvegan Castle* from Southampton, on December 3rd; and 2,000 in the *Majestic* from Liverpool, on December 9th.

The *Simla* and *Dunne Castle* sailed with over 3,000 troops from Southampton on Friday.

MOBILISATION OF THE SIXTH DIVISION.

ANOTHER BRIGADE OF HORSE ARTILLERY.

Preparations also for the Sixth Division have now been completed. The Division includes the 2nd Battalion East Kents; the 2nd Battalion Bedfordshires; the 1st Battalion Royal Irish; the 1st Battalion West Ridings; the 1st Battalion Oxfordshires; and possibly the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshires.

The 2nd Wiltshires and the 2nd—— will also be included, but the Reservists for these battalions have not yet been summoned.

Orders have been received at Aldershot for the immediate mobilisation of another Brigade Division of Royal Horse Artillery. Colonel Rochefort will command, and the batteries will be T. and U. of the R.H.A. This immediately followed the special order of Thursday last, which embodied eight Battalions of Militia.

It is notable that the 1st Battalion Yorkshires, including 600 Reservists, arrived at Aldershot on Friday, the 17th inst., were there armed and equipped, received khaki clothing, and arrived at Southampton on Friday, the 24th, ready for embarkation, all within a week.

INSPECTION OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS BY THE QUEEN.

London, November 29.—The Queen to-day inspected the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards at Windsor. Addressing the Colonel, Her Majesty expressed her admiration at the splendid conduct of the Guards Brigade in South Africa, and her deep regret at the losses they had suffered.

The Queen afterwards visited the wives and families of the men who have gone to the front, and expressed her sympathy with them.

THE SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

London, November 30.—Mr Chamberlain, speaking at Leicester, said the Loyalists of Natal and the Cape will regard no solution in that quarter durable which does not provide beyond doubt for the supremacy of the British flag.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

'SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' FAMILIES' FUND.

Sir T. Jackson acknowledges receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund:—

Already acknowledged	$38,421.56
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	1,000
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	500
United Service Lodge	250
British Members of Kowloon Customs Staff (second contribution)	135
M. J. D. Stephens	100
Capt. Tillett (additional)	80
The Sisters Government Civil Hospital	35
Dr & Mrs Atkinson	30
Consul General Wildman	25
The 'Land we live In' Hotel	25
Dr Jordan	25
W. J.	20
A. Shelton Hooper	20
W. Taylor	20
Dr Bell	15
Cash	10
Frank Browne	10
Thos. J. Wild	10
Robt. Chapman	5
Geo. Tuchy	5
J. T. Course	5
J. R. Lee	5
Piquet	3.25
West River Subscriptions:—	
H. H. Fox, Samshui	20
A. C. "	5
O. Lang "	10
A. Thomson "	10
Jno. A. Rule "	5
Luk Hew Chuan "	5
H. D. D. "	5
T. R. Mead "	5
J. Marsh "	5
F. G. Browne, Kumchuk	5
'Old Salt,' Wuchow	5
W. O. G. H. "	10
'Austrian' "	10
P. F. H. "	10
R. J. M. "	5
H. Bono "	2
Hung Hing Chuan "	5
Chan Chung Dui "	2
D. H. Campkin "	5
Sympathiser "	5
R. A. J. "	1
Yeung Ching Kong "	5
J. Cannon "	5
s.s. Do Ping "	2
Ms Hsin Koo "	1
H. R. S. "	2
Total	$38,904.81

A Dock 'Combine' at Singapore.

It is well known that for years past the two Dock Companies of Singapore have been running their interests on joint account and that practically in all but name and technical constitution these interests have been amalgamated. It is now decided, so we are informed (says the *Singapore Free Press*), to complete this amalgamation, by a coalescence of the two companies into one, the fused concerns to be styled by the name of the predominant partner, The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company. What is proposed, then, to be done is the effecting of no more than a nominal change and the chief end aimed at is a facilitating of the work of internal administration. The adjustment of the respective interests of shareholders in the two companies will be a matter to be fully considered, but that should be a comparatively simple thing, for the shares of the Harbour Dock Company are in so few hands that there can be no trouble in securing the support of the shareholders to the amalgamation scheme. The convenience of having all matters relating to wharf construction, docks, &c., handled by one Directorate instead of two is obvious. Indeed, the projected change of style implies no modification of business operations, but is rather merely of the nature of a historical milestone on the pathway of the progress of this port as regards all that pertains to the handling of shipping business.

THE Blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the end is diseased. Suffers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Sores and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Spots of any kind are cautioned to give Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture a trial to suit the value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by the Bold Experiment to be obtained of all Chemists. Sole Proprietors, Lincoln and Midland Counties Chemical Works, Lincoln. 1/1 per bottle, 11 doses, 33 doses, 11/- per bottle.

Shipping.

SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship TAICHOW, Captain PARSHOSE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2647

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO.

THE Company's Steamship SZECHUEN, Captain HALL, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2648

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship ESMERALDA, Captain COBBAN, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 15th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong December 12, 1899. 2672

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship SUNGKIANG, Captain MOORE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th Inst.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1899. 2662

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Co.'s Steamship CARLEDONIEN, Captain BOULARD, will be despatched on or about TUESDAY, the 19th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2676

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT. (Not Calling at LONDON).

THE Company's Steamship TANTALUS, Captain BARTLETT, will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 22nd December, taking Cargo to Liverpool, at London rates.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2545

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA & KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship GISELA, Captain F. MOSCA, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 7, 1899. 2633

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship DIOMED, Captain GOODWIN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th January.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2664

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship ANTENOR, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd January.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2663

RIGAUD'S KANANGA WATER OF JAPAN (REGISTERED)

The most delightfully refreshing Toilet Water. It renders the skin firm; relieves mosquito bites and imparts a delicate fragrance and feeling of comfort.

RIGAUD'S CHOICEST NEW EXTRACTS RECOMMENDED

KANANGA	GRACIOSA
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ASCANIO	IRIS AMBRE
LUCRECIA	YLANGYLANG
LILAS DE PERSE	PEAU D'ESPAGNE
BOUQUET à L'ELYSEE	WHITE VIOLETS
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A similar assortment of every other essence.

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For Sale by A. S. Watson & Co., Ches. 1. 821

Shipping.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship PREUSSEN, of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. HEINTZE, due here with the outward German Mail about the 13th Inst., will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 8, 1899. 2644

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, FIUME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship VINDOBONA, Captain C. BELLEN, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, in the Afternoon.

Silk and Valuables are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2650

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2532

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Dec., at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. Co. and *vice versa.*

For Passage or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2533

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship SHANSI, Captain CARNAGHAN, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 22nd December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2650

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship AFRIDI will be despatched for the above Port about the Middle of January, 1900.

For Freight, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ln., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2516

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship AIRLIE, Captain C. KOCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th Prox., at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2616

FOR PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship ST. MARK, Captain DUNBAY, is ready to take Cargo here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

FOR BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship REUCE, Captain WHEMOUZ, is ready to take Cargo here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Barque ADOLPH OBRIG, Captain APSMUNN, having arrived, will shortly load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 10, 1899. 2457

Shipping.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship LOONGSANG, Captain WEIGALL, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted throughout with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2660

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LTD.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship TAMSUI MARU, Captain K. SOBAJIMA, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2665

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship PATROCLUS, Captain DICKEN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2615

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.'s STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ASAMA, will be despatched for the above Port about 27th December.

To be followed by

The Steamship QUEEN ELEANOR, about the 15th January, 1900.

And the Steamship MORVEN, about the 15th February, 1900.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2522

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 18th December, at Noon, the Co.'s S. S. *YARRA*, Captain ROGLIANO, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *Via* Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 17th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 4, 1899. 2611

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU, and SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED STATES, MEXICO, The CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

S. S. *Strathgyle*..... ——Tons.....About 30th December.

S.S. *Carlisle City*..... ——Tons...About 10th January.

S. S. *Belgian King*...3,379 Tons.....About 20th January.

THE S. S. *Strathgyle* will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, *Via* KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about 30th December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents,* HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, December 12, 1899. 2614

FOR SALE.

STOCKBROKERS' TELEGRAM CODE. Cloth, 482 pp.—$40 Postage Extra. Approved.

'CODE,' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE.

Hongkong, November 25, 1899. 2551

Mails.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
PLY'TH & L'DON	*Japan*	G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R.	Noon, 16th Dec.
S'HAI & JAPAN	*Bombay*	G. M. MONTFORD, R.N.R.	About 16th Dec.
LONDON, &c.	*Coromandel* *	F. W. VIDERT, R.N.R.	Noon, 23rd Dec.
SHANGHAI	*Massilia*	G. GADD	About 23rd Dec.
LONDON	*Socotra*	T. H. HIDE, R.N.R.	About 28th Dec.

* See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 11, 1899. 2681

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG; PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT *SOUTHAMPTON* TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th December.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 10th January.
KARLSRUHE	WEDNESDAY, 24th January.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 7th February.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 21st February.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
KÖNIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
WEIMAR	WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
HAMBURG...(Hamburg Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1899, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH, of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain ——, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 25th December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 26th December, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 26th Dec.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

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U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Dec. 16, at Noon.

THE U. S. Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th December, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail route from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, Nov. 23, 1899. 2194

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the Captain the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ADOLPH OBRIG, American barque, Capt. Amesbury.—STANDARD OIL Co.

JOHN MCDONALD, American ship, Capt. J. A. Stores.—Standard Oil Co.

Occidental and Oriental Steam-ship Co.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, Dec. 23, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, Jan. 20, at Noon, 1900.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Noon, 1900.

THE Co.'s Steamship *DORIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 23rd Dec., at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passenger who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 1, 1899. 2595

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT for MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

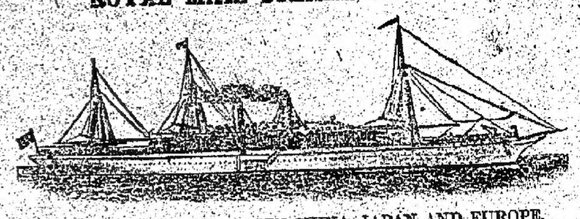
	Tons.	Leaves Hongkong.
S. S. *Parramatta*	4806	21st March.
S. S. *Malacca*	5020	14th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent, Hongkong.*

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2618

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, *VIA* CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. (*Calling at* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (*Subject to Alteration.*)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec./1899.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan./1900.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb./1900.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD, Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,* PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2538

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 12th.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
Wl'ostock	3 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	,,	29.82	—	—	N	2	—
Kochi	,,	29.91	—	—	—	0	—
Nagasaki	,,	29.99	—	—	W	6	—
Kagoshima	,,	29.99	—	—	NW	6	—
Taihoku	1 p.	30.11	—	—	NW	4	—
Taichu	,,	30.05	—	—	N	2	—
Tainan	,,	30.06	—	—	N	4	—
Koahun	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pescadores	,,	30.11	—	—	N	6	—
Gutzlaff	3 p.	30.14	53	87	N	2	bm
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.05	67	79	—	0	b
Amoy	,,	29.98	71	76	SE	2	c
Swatow	,,	30.05	76	—	N	1	b
Canton	,,	30.08	84	94	N	1	b
Hongkong	4 p.	30.03	76	72	N	1	b
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	S	1	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.04	—	—	N	1	—
Macao	,,	30.12	78	—	E	1	c
Haiphong	1 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	4 p.	29.88	84	58	E	2	c
Malate	3 p.	—	—	—	E	2	c
Bacolod	,,	—	—	—	N	5	c
Iloilo	,,	29.77	82	—	NE	3	c
Cebu	,,	29.83	79	—	NE	1	c
C. S. James	,,	—	—	—	NE	4	c
D'cember 13th.—AT 10 A.M.							
Wl'ostock	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	10 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	8 a.	30.10	—	—	E	4	—
Taichu	,,	30.05	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan	,,	30.06	—	—	N	4	—
Koahun	,,	30.07	—	—	NE	4	—
Pescadores	,,	30.09	—	—	NE	6	—
Gutzlaff	9 a.	30.18	54	94	S	3	bm
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.13	67	76	NNE	1	b
Amoy	,,	30.08	65	80	NE	1	c
Swatow	,,	30.10	70	—	ENE	2	b
Canton	,,	30.09	72	46	N	1	b
Hongkong	10 a.	30.09	72	61	E	3	b
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	E	4	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.0	—	—	ENE	3	—
Macao	,,	30.10	75	—	ESE	1	c
Haiphong	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10 a.	29.90	82	70	WNW	1	c
Malate	9 a.	—	—	—	N	1	b
Bacolod	,,	—	—	—	N	2	c
Iloilo	,,	29.85	83	—	NE	2	c
Cebu	,,	29.10	84	—	NE	2	c
C. S. James	7 a.	—	—	—	NE	2	c

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 13, 1899.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, the percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, 16 Points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, 1 blue sky, 2 detached clouds, 3 filmy clouds, 4 hazy, 5 gloomy, 6 hail, 7 lightning, 8 overcast, 9 setting showers, 10 steady, 11 rain, 12 snow, 13 thunder, 14 humidity, 15 fog (Tule).
7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL MADNESS.

CLEMENT WRAGGE AT IT AGAIN.

We take the following 'fearful example' (with comments) from *The Australasian*:—

Mr Clement Wragge has a craving to be talked about, and he shapes his weather bulletins so that they shall attract notice. They do attract notice of a kind. The meteorological observers at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., do their work in a quiet, scientific manner. It is enough for them if the bulletins they issue are understood by the people who are interested in knowing what to-day's and to-morrow's weather will be. But Mr Wragge, of Brisbane, seems to hold with Jaques that all the world's a stage, and that some men ought to play the fool's part, to amuse the crowd. From time to time we have given extracts from his 'observations,' but the sheet issued last week claims special attention. An atmospheric depression was passing. Mr Wragge, so that people should talk, gave it a name, as is his wont—'Berrigan,' he termed it—and he then proceeded to indicate how its approach would be noticed in Port Jackson:—

'A gallant ship near ready for sea, bound to old England round the famous Horn. She's been well tarred and overhauled while lying at the Circular Quay, and now the 'old man' sits in his cabin studying the accounts rendered in triplicate as he mops his face under the burning northerlies in advance of the disturbance. The steward goes through his stores for the passage home. 'Get me a cool whisky and soda,' says the captain, puffing under 'Berrigan,' 'and look here steward, you'll have to cut it very fine; there'll be a lot of claims in for short delivery—too many of 'em.'"

The scientific value of writing of this kind is hard to perceive, but Mr Clement Wragge's only object may be to advertise his knowledge of shipboard ways. 'Accounts rendered in triplicate' is good; 'an order for whisky and soda is not so remarkable; the claims item is a little obscure. As the day wears on the dramatic situation opens up:—

"'Sore heads to-morrow,' mumbles the skipper as he clears the gangway; 'wonder if that wandering sky-pilot 'll come aboard in the mornin' with his gaff topsail coat and trade wind hat. Ay,' adds he to himself, 'these shorefolk thinks as Jack wants a lot of saving more than them larrikins about the streets.'"

That is Mr Wragge's way of lugging in a reference to the clergy. The scene changes to the shore; next day—

'Olsen, Sam Lewis, and another are at the nearest livery stable. "Hope the bally moke 'll answer his helm," says Lewis, as the wind on the northern half of "Berrigan" increases in velocity, "it'll take two of us at the wheel. Give us that low-legged and long-backed begger," adds he to the stableman; "there's three of us agoin' to got on."'

Then we are taken back to the ship on sailing day:—

'"Get all hands aft here, Mr Cross," roars the skipper, and away they come tumbling over each other, with "main stopmast gone at the crosstrees," as the result of the last visit to the "Tirat and Last." One lingers to kiss his best girl. "What the bally thunder's the matter with you?" says one sailor to a beery mate; "come aft and work here if you're goin' to work, can't you?" adds the more sober of the two. The "old man" is not communicative—he looks anxious and worried as he scans our forecast in the daily paper, and has still a soft corner for memories of his lady friends. "Stand by that after line; take in the slack," sings out the pilot. "Wragge's right, after all," thinks he; "we'll get it pretty stiff afore we gets back."'

Science, you perceive, feels it its duty to take judicial notice of tipsiness among sailors. That little advertisement for Wragge is neatly worked in. In the 'observations' there is a good deal more to the same effect, which the reader no doubt will take our word for. That any Government meteorologist should issue such rubbish is passing strange; that the Queensland Government should pay for printing, typewriting, or copying it is astonishing.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

14th to 20th December.

				High Water.		Low Water.	
	3rd Day	3rd Hour	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
Thur.	14	m	h m 7 40 8 41 a	ft. in. 6 6 5 7	h m m 1 14 0 54 a	ft. in. — — — —
Fri.	15	m	8 12 7 20 a	5 6 5 6	m 2 41 0 44 a	2 6 — —
Sat.	16	m	8 24 7 55 a	5 5 5 6	m 3 47 1 18 a	— — — —
Sun.	17	m	10 22 8 34 a	5 10 5 10	m 4 49 2 44 a	— — 2 4
Mon.	18	m	11 47 9 3 a	5 4 5 9	m 5 44 3 41 a	— — 2 6
Tues.	19	m	11 57 9 46 a	5 0 5 6	m 6 39 4 36 a	— — 2 8
Wed.	20		12 12 a 10 14 a	4 7 5 3	m 7 34 5 31 a	— — 2 9

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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, October 17, 1899. 366

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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1517

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RESERVE FUND.....£ 20,000

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Hongkong, May 30, 1899. 846

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Hongkong, October 4, 1899. 589

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2654

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Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1899. 2656

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J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1899. 2631

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor Sec.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
China	4 c	Seabury	Amer. str.	3187	Dec. 9	P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Dec. 16.
Chow Fa	3 c	Williamson	British str.	1055	Dec. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Chunsang	4 c	Buller	Brit. str.	1418	Dec. 5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Clara		Hansen	Ger. str.	675	Nov. 30	Jebsen & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Empress of Japan	5 h	Lee	British str.	5004	Dec. 2	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	Dec. 20.
Esmeralda	6 c	Cobban	Brit. str.	936	Dec. 11	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Dec. 15.
Foochow	4 c	S'nale	British str.	1553	Dec. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Formosa	5 h	Douglas	British str.	674	Dec. 13	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Germania	3 c	Muller	Ger. str.	1744	Dec. 11	Jebsen & Co		
Glenlochy	2 c	McGregor	British str.	1251	Dec. 13	McGregor Bros & Gow.		
Hanoi	3 c	Pannier	French str.	739	Dec. 12	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	Dec. 15.
Hohenzollern	4 k	Kirchner	Ger. str.	2039	Nov. 6	Melchers & Co.		
Japan	5 c	Wright	British str.	2795	Dec. 13	P. & O. S. N. Co.	S'pore & London	Dec. 16.
Konigsberg	8 k	Christiansen	Ger. str.	3135	Dec. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Kwang Lee	5 c	Lincoln	Chi. str.	1505	Dec. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Loongsang	2 c	Weigall	British str	1092	Dec. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	Dec. 15.
Loyal	3 c	Lorenzen	Ger. str	1237	Dec. 1	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Nanyang	3 c	Lehmann	Ger. str.	983	Dec. 3	Siemssen & Co.		
Meefoo	3 c	Frigast	Chi. str	1339	Dec. 13	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Menmuir		George	British str.	1980	Dec. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Michael Jebsen	3 c	Bendixen	Ger. str.	710	Dec. 11	Jebsen & Co.		
Mongkut	3 c	Major	British str.	859	Dec. 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Peiyang	3 c	Kohler	Ger. str	953	Dec. 10	Siemssen & Co.		
Phra Chula Chom Klao	3 c	McLellan	British str	1012	Dec. 1	Yuen Fat Hong		
Preussen	k w	Heintze	Ger. str.	3278	Dec. 1	Melchers & Co.		
Quarta	3 c	Johannsen	Ger. str	1146	Dec. 10	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Riojun Maru	k w	Ekstrand	Japan. str.	2974	Dec. 8	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Seattle, U.S.A.	Dec. 14.
Salvadora	4 c	Goitsolo	Amer. str.	638	Dec. 10	Brandao & Co.		
Taichiow	3 c	Primrose	British str.	862	Dec. 6	Yuen Fat Hong		
Taiwan	5 c	Hardo	British str	1109	Dec. 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Tamsui Maru	3 c	Sabagima	Japan. str	1075	Dec. 1	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Swatow and Tamsui	Dec. 17.
Tosa Maru	k w	Fraser	Japan. str.	359	Dec. 1	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Tritos	3 c	Lassen	Ger. str	1240	Dec.	Siemssen & Co.		
Triumph		Rioke	Ger. str	675	Dec. 6	Jebsen & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Sailing Vessels.								
Adolph Obrig	3 c	Amesbury	Amer. bqe	1302	Oct. 1	Standard Oil Co.		
John McDonald	3 k	Storer	Amer. sh	2128	Nov. 2	Standard Oil Co.		
Mary L. Cushing	2 k	Pendleton	Amer. sh	1540	Oct.	Order		
Rouco	k w	Whitmore	Amer. sh	1828	Oct.	Standard Oil Co.		
St. Mark	2 k	Dudley	Amer. sh	2120	Nov.	Order		
Smila		Hussten	R. Aus. bk	2037	Aug. 2	Order	.....	K'loon Dock
State of Maine	2 k	Colcord	Amer. sh	500	Oct. 1	Standard Oil Co.		
Vale of Doon	8 k	Peterson	Brit. bqe	669	Dec. 1	Order		
Warath	7 c	Haynes	Brit. sch	51	Sept. 2	F. W. Hall.		
Wm. H. Conner	2 c	Erskine	Amer. sh	1424	Oct. 1	Standard Oil Co.		

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—DECEMBER 13, 1899.

(CORRECTED UP TO 1 P.M.)

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations. Cash.
BANKS				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	350 % prem. = $562½. [sellers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	192,875	£ 8	£ 4	London £62 £1.0.0
" ordinary "	1,250	£ 1	£ 1	£5.5
" deferred "	...	£ 10	£ 8	$30
National Bank of China, Limited ...				
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld. ...	10,000	$ 25	$ 50	$130, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld. ...	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$68, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld. ...	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 190
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$24, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$240
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$110
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$88, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$327½
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	525 % prem. = $781.25
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld. ...	5,000	$ 50	all	$90, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited ...	20,000	$ 50	all	$50, buyers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$31, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limite	60,000	£ 10	all	$82, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 1	£ 10	£9½, buyers
			£ 10	£8 "
Do. (new issue	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£5
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$21, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited...	20,000	$ 10	all	$122
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	$ 10	all	$47, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co	20,000	$ 5	all	$85, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 10	$ 37½	$45, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 10	$ 5	$11½, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 3	$28, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	37,000	$ 1	all	$0½, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	$ 5	$ 5	$30, buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld	1,250	$ 100	all	$147½, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$13
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld	60,000	$ 5	all	$7½, buyers
" Preference shares ...	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.20, sellers
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	86,000	$ 5	$	70 cents, sellers
Great Eastern & Caledonian preference shares	70,000	$ 1	$	40 cents, sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 25	all	$300
Queen's Mine, Limited, ...	100,000	25 cents	25 cts	40 cents
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld....	200,000	£ 1	14/10	$62, sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	15,000	$ 5	$	$9
	45,000	$ 5	$ 4	$7
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. ...	12,000	$ 5	all	$113, sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	80,000	$ 10	all	$15½, sellers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$127
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10½
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 100	$ 100	$263, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/	nom.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited....	1,200	$ 10	all	$14, buyers
Gen. Renwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$42½
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	800	$ 50	all	$25
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$5, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ...	5,000	$ 25	all	$125, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$200, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	12,000	$ 100	$ 100	$56, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	17,500	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 60
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 10	Tls. 70
Lucd-Kong-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 73
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 25	$ 25	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls 530	Tls. 375
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 25	$ 10	$8½, buyers

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LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotations.
Guinea Dollars 1887 ...	Tls. 707,200	Tls. 250	8 % p. annum	10 % prem.

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